



## 2017 Municipal General\* Mail Ballot Election Dates for Use on [Mail Ballot Election Timetable](#)

Montana Secretary of State

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\*Please note that if the number of candidates filing for election is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, the governing body can **by resolution** cancel the election for an office(s) on the municipal general election ballot **after** the municipal general write-in deadline: 5:00 p.m. on **September 5, 2017**. (If there are multiple offices to fill, and one of them does not qualify for cancellation and the other(s) do, the governing body can, by resolution, just cancel those offices that are eligible for cancellation.)

Activity	Deadline
Copy of the following sent to the governing body: 1) written plan; 2) written statement informing the governing body of the decision to conduct the election by mail ballot; 3) list of reasons for the decision; and 4) statement regarding the right of the governing body to object under <a href="#">13-19-204</a> , MCA	No date set by law, but should be at least no later than 60 days before election
Submission of written plan to SOS*	Enter the <b>actual date</b> submitted; must be received by SOS not later than Friday, <b>September 8, 2017</b> , 60 days before the general election
Last day for governing body to opt out	55 days before the election is Wednesday, <b>September 13</b>
County election administrator publishes notice of close of registration and availability of late registration (For <b>all</b> elections: <a href="#">13-2-301</a> , MCA.)	<b>All Elections:</b> At least 3 times, once per week, between <b>September 12</b> and <b>October 9</b>
Publish notice of election (For <b>non-school</b> elections: <a href="#">13-1-108</a> , MCA)	At least 3 times, once per week, between <b>September 28</b> and <b>October 28</b> (If the newspaper of general circulation within a political subdivision is a weekly newspaper, the notice of the election may be published only two times and the notice requirements are fulfilled upon the second publication of the notice.)
Close of regular registration	<b>October 10</b> (the 30th day before the election falls on a Sunday, and October 9 is a holiday, so the deadline for registration moves to Tuesday).
Beginning of late registration	<b>October 11</b> (the day after the close of registration)
Date ballots mailed	<b>Choose and enter a single day between October 18</b> (20 days before election) <b>and October 23</b> (15 days before election)
Date of election	<b>November 7, 2017</b>

\*Please email your plan, timetable, and instructions to [soselections@mt.gov](mailto:soselections@mt.gov).

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